

**Rajya Sabha Question vide Dy. No. 53896 dt 21.08.2012**

**Notice**

**Given by :**

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M.P.(Rajya Sabha)**

**Question**

- a). Whether it is not a fact Dalit Christians have been demanding for giving them SC status since long;
- b). Whether it is also a fact that A.P. Assembly has sent a Bill, after passing the same, to Centre for its approval; and
- c). if so, the reasons for delay in approving the same?

**Answer**

- a)** Yes Sir,
- b)** No Sir.

The Government of A.P. has sent only resolutions as passed by both the Houses of Assembly/ Council to Govt. of India with a request to amend para 3 of the Constitution(Scheduled castes) Order 1950 to include the Castes of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims in the list of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh and not a Bill.

- c)** The decision of the GOI is awaited in this regard .

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